AFFIDAVIT OF TERESA ISHMAN

Parish of Washington
State of Louisiana

My name is Teresa Henry Ishman. I currently reside at 731 May Avenue, in Boalusa, Louisiana. I do not have a telephone in my home. I am over eighteen years of age, and am competent to make this affidavit. All facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge.

1. In October of 1980, I was employed at Joseph's Delicatessan [SIC] on Fannin Street in Houston, Texas. I was hired mainly to serve food to the public at the steam table in the deli. I was working in the deli the morning that Claude Shaeffer [SIC] was killed during a robbery.

2. I was standing back behind the counter when the robbery and shooting occured [sic]. I remember that two black men walked in that morning. I recognized one of them, the guy with the light colored skin, because I had seen him before at a club in Houston. I found out later on that this man's name was Joseph Nichols. I remember that I had my eyes on him when he came into the store, because I knew I had seen him before.

3. When Joseph Nichols came up to get food from the steam table, I remember hearing the other guy say something about this being a robbery, or this is a stickup, or something like that. That guy, who was darker skinned, was standing directly across the counter from Claude Shaeffer [sic] at the cash register.

4. When he said that, I looked over at him and saw that he had a gun in his hand. Right then Mr. Shaeffer [sic] went down and reached under the counter for his gun, which he kept on a shelf underneath the cash register. I heard the darker skinned guy say something like, "don't go for the gun!"

5. Right after the dark skinned guy said that, shots started

firing. I turned and ran towards the back of the store. I was so scared running that I fell down on my way to the back. Cindy Johnson, who was also working that morning, was already locked in the restroom when I got back there.

6. When the shooting was all over, I went out to the front of the store. Mr. Shaeffer [sic] was lying there, and blood was everywhere around him. I left the deli and ran over to my sister s apartment. Around that time I was in trouble with the law in Louisiana, so I didn't want to have anything to do with talking to the police, and I didn't want to be involved at all. My sister told me to get back to the deli, and that I needed to tell the police what I saw. My sister went with me back to the deli.

7. When I got back to the deli, I got scared again. I told the police that my name was Teresa McGee, but I was so nervous that I gave them my real address and social security number when they asked for it. That day I told them that I hadn't seen anything when the robbery and shooting occured [sic].

8. A few days after the crime, someone from the district attorney's office in Houston came to my house, and said I'd need to go with him to his office to answer some questions. By that time the authorities had found out my real name, which was Teresa Henry. I got very upset, but I knew I needed to cooperate. I remember crying on the way over to the d.a.'s [sic] office.

9. I talked to a man in the d.a.'s [sic] office for about three hours. The whole thing was upsetting for me, and I remember the man I talked to was handing me tissues a lot during our conversation. Throughout the whole time we were talking, this man was taking notes on everything I said. In that conversation, I told him that I saw everything that happened during the robbery and shooting, up until the point that I turned and ran. I described to him everything that I witnessed.

10. At the time when I talked to the man in the d.a.'s [sic]

office, I already had planned on returning to Bogalusa. I was worried the man I was talking to was going to tell me that I had to stay around Houston to testify. I was very surprised when he told me that I was free to go, and that my involvement in the whole thing was through. The same man who drove me from my house to the district attorney's office took me back home.

I have read the foregoing affidavit, numbered paragraphs 1 through 10, and swear that it is true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge.

/S/ Teresa Ishman

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this the 12th day of April, 1992, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

SIGNED: [Illegible]
Notary Public in and for the
Parish of Washington in
The State of LOUISIANA